

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, LINLITHGOW

Sunday, 24 March 2019

Third Sunday in Lent

Stewardship Gift Day

Today's Services



9.30am First Service
Rev Thom Riddell

9.45am All age Service at Springfield
School

11.00am Second Service with Baptism
Rev Thom Riddell

Welcome to St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow

Thank you for joining us today. We hope that you feel at home here with us. **We would love to meet you so please join us for teas and coffees, between the morning services.** Children aged 3–10 may join in with the Sunday Club, which meets in Cross House from 9.15am and then accompanied up to the Kirk for the last part of 9.30am service. A crèche is available at the 9.30am service in St Katherine's aisle for younger children. Please ask one of our team at the door for help if needed. If we can assist you in any other way, please complete one of our pew cards. Thank you.

Knowing Christ better – Serving Him together – Making Him known to others

Prayer Focus

" Why the clock? To remind us all to join in prayer regularly either at 10am or 10pm"



We pray for the people of New Zealand and the Netherlands who have experienced terrorist attacks in recent days, and we pray for Governments concerned about the dangers of social media that they may work together and find wisdom to know how to deal with it. May all people of faith come together to confront the evils of this world in trust and friendship.

You are welcome to join us for Weekly Prayers in the Queen's Aisle on **Wednesdays at 12.30**. There is a box in the Queen's Aisle in which to put requests for prayer. Alternatively please call 822603 or 670980.

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| <p>Ministry Team: Rev John Povey, Interim Moderator Rev Thom Riddell Rev Colin Johnston, Locum Minister Trish Archibald, Youth & Family Outreach Worker</p> <p>Organist & Music Co-ordinator: Matt Edwards</p> | <p>Address: Church Office, Cross House, Linlithgow EH49 7AL</p> <p>Telephone: 01506 842188 E-mail: info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk Web: www.stmichaelsparish.org.uk</p> <p>Open: Mon, Wed, Thu, 9am–1pm. Fri 11am–1pm Tuesday by appointment</p> <p>Vestry hour: Thursday evening by appointment</p> |
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This week in Cross House

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| Mon 25 Mar | 9.00am | Elders | | |
| Tues 26 Mar | 9.45am 10.30am | Parent & Toddler Group WL Foodbank | 7.30pm 7.30pm | Elders Group Leaders Prospects Meeting |
| Wed 27 Mar | 9.00am | Cracking Easter | 6.30pm 7.30pm | Girls' Brigade Boys' Brigade Leaders |
| Thu 28 Mar | 10.00am 10.00am | Seedlings Thursday for Coffee | 6.30pm 7.00pm | Boys' Brigade Minister's Vestry |
| Fri 29 Mar | 9.45am 10.00am 10.30am | Parent & Toddler Group Housegroup WL Foodbank | | |
| Sat 30 Mar | 9.00am 10.00am | Sunday Club Band Coffee Morning – 4 th West Lothian Scouts | | |
| Sun 31 Mar | | | 12 noon | YF Brunch |

Forthcoming Events

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| 27 Mar | 6.30pm | Girls' Brigade 30 th Birthday Party Coffee Evening (Kirk Hall) |
| 30 Mar | 10.00am | Coffee Morning – 4 th West Lothian Explorer Scouts (Kirk Hall) |
| 27 Apr | 10.00am | Coffee morning – LAMP (Kirk Hall) |
| 28 Apr | 3.00pm | Scouts St George's Day Service (Kirk) |
| 4 May | 10.00am | Coffee Morning – Project Trust Fundraiser (Kirk Hall) |

Intimations All notices need to be with the church office on
Thursday morning.

2019 Stewardship of Prayer Prayer for March

Lord God,

You have made yourself known to us through prophets and apostles and above all through Jesus Christ. Make yourself known to us afresh today through your Word and Spirit. Amen

This Week

Today is Gift Day a one-off opportunity for members to make a gift to the church in addition to their normal planned giving. A number of projects have arisen in the Kirk that will cost in the region of £20,000, including weather proofing of some stonework and the refurbishment of the magnificent West Doors. We are aware that these continue to be challenging times financially for many, but your donation, no matter how small, will make a difference. Thank you very much for your support.

Tuesday 26 March: Prospects is a Christian charity helping churches to welcome and disciple people with learning disabilities in a way that is relevant for them. St Michael's is hosting an ecumenical meeting in the Adam Room, 7.30pm to discuss how we might set up a Prospects group in Linlithgow. If you would like to get involved please come along. If you can't manage the meeting, but would like to know more please contact info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk

Wednesday 27 March: St Michael's GB is 30 this year! Please come along to our fundraising coffee evening in the Kirk Hall, 6.30pm–8pm. Coffee, cake, games and chat.

Thursday 28 March: Time of Stillness 2pm in St Katherine's Aisle (entrance via south door during winter opening hours). Discover what 15 minutes of stillness can do for you. Tea and cake afterwards. All welcome.

Thursday 28 March: Choir Practice at 7.30pm in the Kirk, all adults welcome. Further info: matt@stmichaels-parish.org.uk

Friday 29 March: Housegroup: 10.00am in Room 5, Cross House. A new set of studies: 'Angels standing guard'. Study 3: Hebrews 1, 'Jesus and the Angels'. All welcome to join this informal group. Further info from Barbara Thomson 845705.

Friday 29 March: Sunshine Singers: Next sing-song, 2.30pm, St Michael's Hospital.

Saturday 30 March: Coffee Morning, 4th West Lothian Scouts – 10am Kirk Hall

Coming up

Monday 1 April: Kirk Knitting Club at 10.30am, Room 1, Cross House.

Thursday 4 April: Chapters Book Club at 3.15pm, Room 1, Cross House. The book of choice for review for March is 'The Italian Wife' by Kate Furnivall.

Saturday 6 April: Prayer Breakfast Please join a friendly group to pray for the work of St Michael's on the first Saturday of each month 9–10am, in the Adam Room.

Thursday 11 April: Sunshine Sing-along for Memory at 12 noon, Kirk Hall

Coffee Mornings – 10am

27 April – LAMP (Kirk Hall)

4 May – Project Trust Fundraiser

Other Notices

During the service, photographs might be taken and used for Church purposes. For further information, please speak to one of the Welcome Team at the door.

Christian Aid Door-to-Door Collection – Volunteers needed! Even just to distribute envelopes, please telephone 842646 or email wandeross@hotmail.com

War Memorial: Repair and refurbishment works to our 100-year-old War Memorial will commence on 25 March. It is anticipated that these works will be over a two week period.

Life and Work: The April issue is now available for collection from the north aisle pews.

CDs-Church Service: If you would like to borrow a recording of the service, you will find two CDs at the Church shop. A recording of the sermon is available weekly on podcast on the Church website.

Stamp Appeal: 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the Church of Scotland stamp appeal. The World Mission Council is challenging each person to donate 50 stamps (or more!) this year to support the Chigodi Women Centre in Blantyre, Malawi. There are collecting boxes in the Church and Cross House.

Fundraiser: Scott Forsyth is hiking Scotland's three tallest peaks on 6 and 7 April, fundraising for Christian charity The Leprosy Mission Scotland. To find out why or make a donation, visit: https://tlmsfr.everydayhero.com/uk/SC_3_Peaks_Challenge

Project Trust: Rhona Macrae is more than half way through her year in Honduras. If you'd like to keep up to date on the progress of her year with the Trust, you can read her blog at the following address: <https://rhonamacrae.home.blog>

Support Teams

House Groups: For information about fellowship groups meeting within St Michael's, please call Alison Miller 844992, Margaret Henderson 844787 or Barbara Thomson 845705.

The Help Centre offers information covering many concerns. Wondering where to access support for yourself or another? Tel 842646, or look at www.helpcentre.org.uk

Bereavement Support: The Team offers confidential one to one support to help you adapt to your loss. In addition, Positive Pathways support group meets fortnightly in the informal setting of the Canal Tearoom. Contact Sheila Rae 07719966273 or sheila.ruth.rae@gmail.com.

Sunday 24 March 2019: 9.30am, Third in Lent

We gather as the people of God...

Call to Worship

Hymn: 201, Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Prayer of Approach and Confession with Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 550, As the deer pants for the water

We listen to stories of faith and hope...

First Reading: Psalm 63: 1–8 (p.538)

Second Reading: Luke 13: 1–9 (p.72) (Today's reader is Chris Collen)

Dedication of Gifts

Hymn: 608, Spirit of truth and grace

Sermon

We respond to God's word...

Hymn: 552, Oh, for a closer walk with God

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Time for Reflection

Time with Young People:

We leave with God's blessing...

Hymn: JP 169, My God is so big

Benediction

Choral Amen: 820, Dresden

Two members of the Sunday Prayer Team are available for 15 minutes in the Queen's Aisle after this service to pray in confidence with anyone who has a personal need for prayer.

9.30am

Music for Today

Chorale prelude – Erbarm mein, O Herr Gotte (Have mercy on me, O Lord) Prelude and Fugue in F major Offering – Sarabande in D major from Suite in D Short Prelude and Fugue in A minor

The music today follows the pattern set by Matt and all the music is by J S Bach. Most of it is from his Short Preludes and Fugues, but the offertory is from his cello suite and is an arrangement. J S Bach is at the forefront of the Baroque composers. He was not thought of as a great composer in his day but his value and that of his contemporaries has gradually been recognised. Now he is considered a great composer.

Sunday Club

This week Sunday Club are continuing our series “What is God like?” Our theme is that God is powerful and today’s story is Jesus is alive again!

Mothering Sunday Family Service – Sunday 31 March at 10am

We hope you will join us for tea, coffee, juice and cakes in the church afterwards. Bring the whole family.



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Call to Worship

Hymn: 201, Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Scripture Sentences (*please remain standing*)

Sacrament of Baptism with Aaronic Blessing, Hymn 796

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make his face to shine upon you / and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you / and give you peace.

Hymn: 632, Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer

(During the singing of this hymn, one parent with their children may wish to use St Katherine's Aisle on the right, which we have set up especially for you and your children, with toys and books)

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We leave with God's blessing...

Hymn: 378, Praise to the Holiest in the height

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Baptism today

We are pleased to baptise and welcome into the fellowship of St Michael's today:

Lewis James Fell, son of Anna and Michael

We commend them, their families and friends to your prayers.

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